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FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

1. The President has proclaimed the week of 3 October 1976 as Fire Prevention Week. In this proclamation, the President said:

"Each year in the United States alone, more than three million fires and explosions kill 12,000 persons; seriously burn another 300,000; and destroy more than \$4 billion in property. Another \$7 billion is spent for fire departments, fire insurance, and related costs.

"The richest and most technologically advanced nation in the world, we nevertheless lead all the major industrialized countries in per capita deaths and property loss from fire.

"Most fires can be traced to a lack of active concern for fire safety. Unfortunately, the innocent--the very young and the aged--are most frequently the victims.

"This tragic situation need not continue. Methods of coping with fire's destructiveness have been developed. But technological advances alone will not stop the needless waste in human suffering and resources. A greater awareness of fire safety by all of us remains the only real answer."

2. In support of this, the Safety Branch, Office of Security, will present a fire safety demonstration behind the cafeteria on 5, 6, and 7 October 1976, from 1130 to 1330 hours. As a part of the demonstration, employees will be shown how to use fire extinguishers and those who desire may personally extinguish a fire.

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